GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2861
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FOREIGN FLAGS ON NAVYSHIPS AND SUBMARINES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the war ships and submarines of Indian Navy used to hoist the foreign flag of Saint George Cross on it till now;

(b) if so, whether the Government have permitted the replacement of the said flags;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of right of use of navy flag at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2861 21.3.2002.

All commissioned Indian Naval Ships, Submarines and Shore Establishments fly the Indian Naval Ensign. After 26th January 1950, the ships and submarines of the Indian Navy displayed the Indian Naval Ensign.This Ensign was white in colour, divided into four parts by a Red Cross and had the Indian Flag in its left quarter.From 15th August 2001, Indian Naval Ships, Submarines and Shore Establishments are now adorned with a new Indian Naval Ensign.The present design of the Ensign was made keeping in mind simplicity, commonality of the Ensign with the two other Services and the use of white and Navy blue colours which are traditional to the Navy. The new Naval Ensign now displays the National Flag at the left, top corner and a Navy Anchor with the National Crest above it in Navy Blue. In addition, the Naval Ensign is also flown at the shore Headquarters of a ship or senior officer, at detach Naval Establishments. Naval Ensign can also be flown at Naval Recruiting Office with the permission of Naval HeadquartersBesides, Inter-service establishments like National Defence College, New Delhi, National Defence Academy, Khadakvasala, Defence Service Stafl College, Wellington and College of Defence Management, Secunderabad are also authorised to fly the Naval Ensign.